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Dear Mr. Cary:

The Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law of the Committee on the Judiciary is currently involved in a study of joint ventures in the petroleum industry. The vertical divestiture effort by the Senate rests to a large extent on the argument that the companies substantially aid in holding the OPEC cartel together. In order for the Subcommittee to explore this matter, it will be necessary to examine records, reports and communications of both the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency and these records, I understand, have varying levels of security classification.

Your agency, as well as the State Department, has advised that top secret clearance will be needed to insure access to the appropriate records. Therefore, as a member of the Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law I request that top secret clearance for this purpose be granted to T. Michael Nevens of my staff.

Your assistance and cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

ROMANO L. MAZZOLI  
Member of Congress

Enclosure